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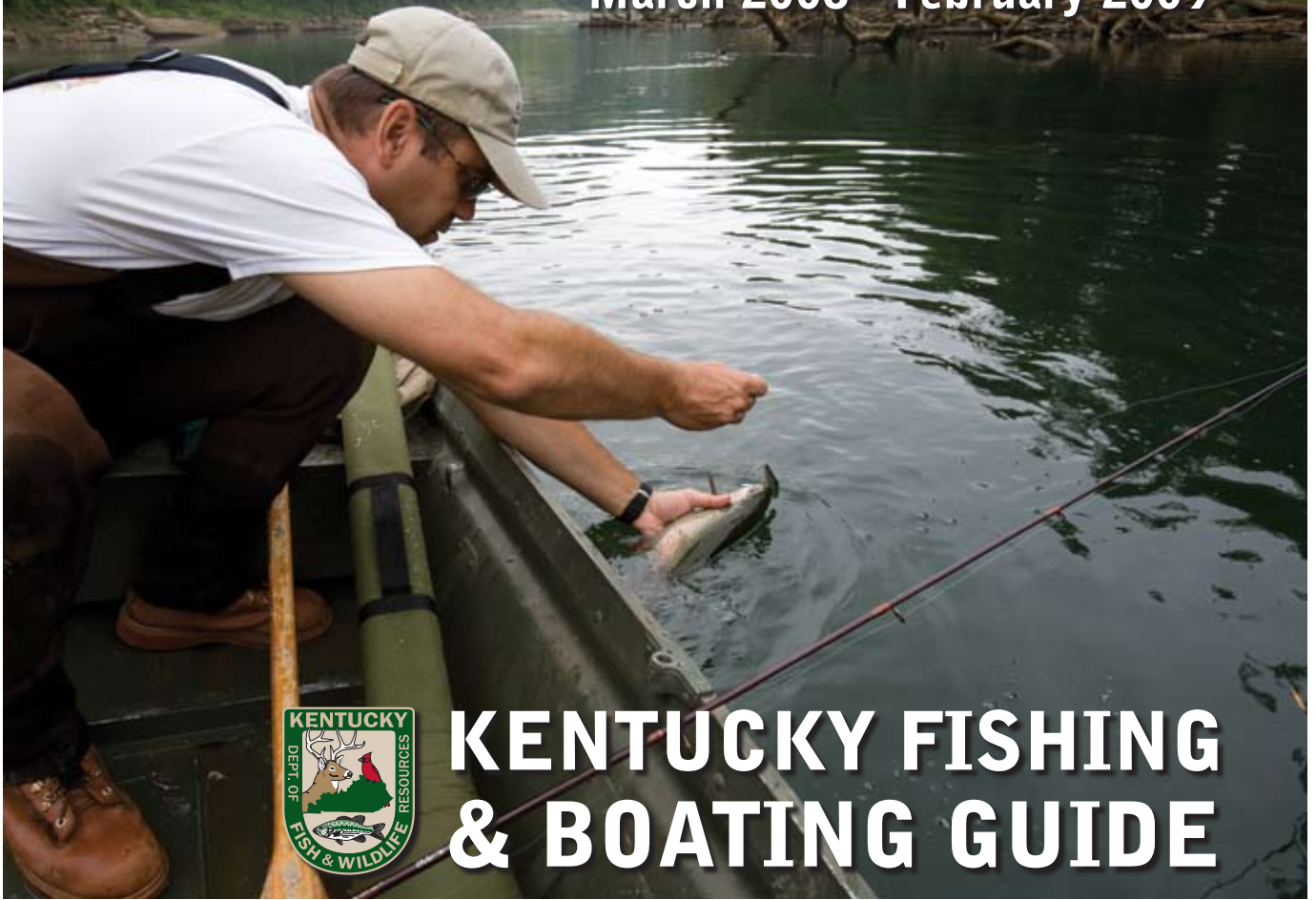
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a **SUMMARY** of the laws regarding fishing and boating. This guide is intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced statute or regulation in its entirety and should not be used as such. Questions about the information contained in this guide should be directed to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources **BEFORE** engaging in the activities referenced. Actual wording of any Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) can be viewed at www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm.



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OTHER GUIDES AVAILABLE

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also produces regulation guides for spring and fall hunting and trapping, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting. Call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays, look for a copy of these regulation guides where hunting licenses are sold, or log on to fw.ky.gov.



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

As more and more of Kentucky's children grow up in cities or suburban areas, they lose contact with the strong tradition of fishing in Kentucky. The same goes for adults who live in urban areas.

The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's Angler Legacy program intends to pass the angling legacy down to the next generation. Log on to www.anglerslegacy.org and pledge to take a child, a relative or co-worker on a fishing trip. Over 20,000 Americans have participated in this program.

If you need a place to go fishing, log on to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' homepage at fw.ky.gov and click on the "Fishing" tab. Then, click on "Where to Fish" and "Find a Place to Fish or Boat." Anglers may search lakes, rivers and creeks for



boat ramps, canoe launching areas or bank fishing areas open to the public. You may also see what fish species live in a lake, river or stream and maps of how to get there. You may also search all of the waters across Kentucky that have a particular species of fish or find all of the public fishing waters in each county or city.

If you do go fishing or boating, remember to wear a personal floatation

device (PFD), commonly referred to as a life jacket. According to national statistics, 70 percent of the fatalities in boating accidents result from drowning. Of those who drowned, 87 percent didn't wear a PFD at the time of the accident.

Take a kid fishing and boat safely this year.

— Dr. Jonathan Gassett

Report all fish kills as soon as possible by calling
1-800-25-ALERT.
 Callers are not required to give their names.

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR HUNTING AND FISHING

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to hunt, fish or trap without the oral or written permission of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, fish or trap must be obtained prior to entry. (KRS 150:192)



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WHO WE ARE

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is an agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet. Our nine-member commission is nominated by Kentucky sportsmen and sports-women and appointed by the governor. This commission appoints the department's commissioner.

We employ about 500 people full-time, including Conservation Officers, wildlife and fisheries biologists, conservation educators, and information technology, public relations, customer service and administrative professionals.

Our Headquarters is located in Frankfort, but we work with landowners, hunters, anglers, boaters and wildlife enthusiasts statewide.

WHAT WE DO

We conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources and provide opportunity for hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and other wildlife-related activities.

Every year, we:

- Enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws across Kentucky for resource protection and public safety.
- Manage about 1 million acres of public land and water for the benefit of all fish and wildlife species.
- Stock more than 4 million fish in public waters.
- Build and maintain public boat ramps, shooting ranges and bank fishing access areas.
- Assist more than 2,000 private landowners with fish and wildlife habitat improvement.
- Inform and educate more than 400,000 kids and adults through education and outreach programs.

HOW YOU HELP

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife receives no money from the state's General Fund.

You provide our agency's funding every time you:

- Buy a hunting or fishing license
- Buy a firearm, ammunition, or archery equipment
- Pay your boat registration fee
- Buy fuel for your boat

